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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing you in support of Microsoft's antitrust settlement with the federal government. They have spared us the taxpayer of a lengthy and costly legal battle.

This settlement is very reasonable. Microsoft agreed that if any third party's exercise of any options provided for by the settlement would infringe any Microsoft intellectual property right, Microsoft will provide the third party with a license to the necessary intellectual property on reasonable terms. Also, the settlement establishes an oversight committee to monitor its compliance with the settlement and assist with dispute resolution. Additionally, Microsoft has agreed not to retaliate against software and hardware developers who develop or promote software that competes with Windows or that runs on software that competes with Windows.

Microsoft has and will continue to be a good corporate citizen. I think this settlement shows that the consumer interest has been addressed. I urge you to approve this settlement, so Microsoft can get back to work.

Sincerely,
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